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of stable monomer droplets in the aqueous phase, said monomer droplets comprising at least 20% by weight of said carboxylic acid containing monomer A, wherein the water-soluble inorganic salt present in the aqueous phase is in a concentration of from 10% to 50% by weight.

*J2* 3. The process according to claim 1, wherein the carboxylic acid containing monomer is selected from the group consisting of acrylic acid and methacrylic acid.

*J3* 6 12. The process according to claim *J1*, wherein said water-soluble inorganic salt is sodium chloride or potassium chloride.

*J4* 11 18. The process according to claim 17, wherein said promoter is polydiethanolamine.

*J5* 14 21. The process according to claim *J1*, wherein said polymerization inhibitor is potassium dichromate or cupric sulfate pentahydrate.

*J6* 14 25. The process according to claim 1, wherein said water-soluble inorganic salt is aluminum nitrate, aluminum sulfate, ammonium chloride, ammonium nitrate, ammonium sulfate, barium nitrate, borax, calcium chloride, calcium nitrate, calcium sulfate, diammonium sulfate, disodium phosphate, magnesium chloride, magnesium nitrate, magnesium sulfate, potassium chloride, sodium acetate, sodium carbonate, sodium chloride, sodium metaborate, sodium nitrate, sodium sulfate, trisodium phosphate, zinc chloride, zinc nitrate, or zinc sulfate;

said monomer A is acrylic acid, methacrylic acid, ethacrylic acid, itaconic acid, maleic acid, fumaric acid, monomethyl itaconate, monoethyl itaconate, monobutyl itaconate, monomethyl maleate, monoethyl maleate, monobutyl maleate, or citraconic acid; and

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*Cont* said water-insoluble particulate stabilizer is a resinous polymer.--

Please add the following new claim:

*J7* 26. The process according to claim 1, wherein

said water-soluble inorganic salt is aluminum nitrate, aluminum sulfate, ammonium chloride, ammonium nitrate, ammonium sulfate, barium nitrate, borax, calcium chloride, calcium nitrate, calcium sulfate, diammonium sulfate, disodium phosphate, magnesium chloride, magnesium nitrate, magnesium sulfate, potassium chloride, sodium acetate, sodium carbonate, sodium chloride, sodium metaborate, sodium nitrate, sodium sulfate, trisodium phosphate, zinc chloride, zinc nitrate, or zinc sulfate;

said monomer A is acrylic acid, methacrylic acid, ethacrylic acid, itaconic acid, maleic acid, fumaric acid, monomethyl itaconate, monoethyl itaconate, monobutyl itaconate, monomethyl maleate, monoethyl maleate, monobutyl maleate, or citraconic acid; and

said water-insoluble particulate stabilizer is selected from the group consisting of insoluble metal salts, insoluble metal oxides, clays, starches, and sulfonated cross-linked organic homopolymers.--